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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Technology Center 2600 **PATENT**

Application No.: 09/629,316
Filing Date: July 31, 2000
First Named Inventor: Hisham Adelhamid
Examiner's Name: Nguyen, Van Kim T.
Art Unit: 2661
Attorney Docket No.: 81862P176

Date of Allowance: June 29, 2004

Confirmation No.: 4370

- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
- ☒ Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, for any concurrent or future reply to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

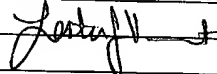
ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☒ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☒ Copies of IDS citations (**26 Cited Documents**)
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims)
- ☒ Cross-Reference to Related Application(s)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document
- ☒ Other: Cross-Reference Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to Related Applications (2 pgs.);
- ☒ Other: Request for Examiner Initials (4 pgs.); Submission of Formal Drawings
- ☒ Check(s)
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1813 | 8,800 | 1813 | 8,800 | Request for inter parties reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Statutory Disclaimer | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 770.00 |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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| 1808 | 130 | 1808 | 130 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (except provisionals) | |
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Hisham Abdelhamid, et al.

Application No.: 09/629,316

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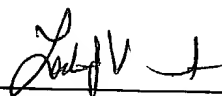
Sir:

Transmitted herewith are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings for the
above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CROSS-REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)
TO RELATED APPLICATION

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), applicants hereby cross-reference the following related patent application, which is assigned to the same assignee as the present patent application:

U.S. Patent Application entitled System and Method for Automated Switching of Data Traffic in a Packet Network by Madhav V. Marathe, et al., Application No.

09/586,662, filed June 1, 2000.

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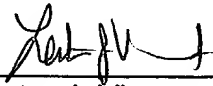
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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INITIALS

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Applicants request that the Examiner initial the cited document on Form PTO-1449 submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 7, 2004 in the present application and return a photocopy of that initialed Form PTO-1449 to applicants. Applicants request the Examiner's initials in order to show consideration of the cited references.

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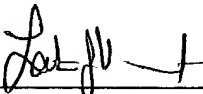
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A copy of the previously-submitted Form PTO-1449 is included herewith
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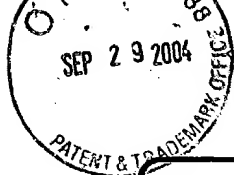
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